

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 7, please replace the paragraph that starts on line 15 with the word "Although" and ends on line 23 with the word "attachment." with the following amended paragraph:

Although the invention has been illustrated as a half mask that has first and second filter cartridges, the respiratory mask may come in other forms. For example, the mask could have a single filter cartridge, centrally mounted as shown, for example, in U.S. Patent ~~6,227,178~~ 6,277,178 to Holmquist-Brown. Additionally, the invention could be used in connection with a powered-air supply source, which would have a clean air hose attached to the mask body rather than filter cartridge(s) — see, for example, U.S. Patent 6,575,165 to Cook et al. In this instance, the mask body would be provided with a mechanism that allows for attachment of a powered air supply source, which mechanism could be, for example, a bayonet fitting that could also allow for optional filter cartridge attachment.